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MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being transmitted via the Office electronic filing system in accordance with § 1.6(a)(4).

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated June 19, 2009, please amend the aboveidentified U.S. patent application as follows:

Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/ZIMR/0039/KMT, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.